



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

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Ward 6 – House Fire - 5900 Block of East 18th Street

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Dispatch time – 1756

On scene time – 1800

Fire under control – 1827

The owner of this home was holding a birthday party for her grandson's teenage friends when they noticed dark smoke coming from the vents on the inside of the home. They went outside and called 911. Firefighters arrived to find 8 to 10 people waiting outside and black smoke coming from the exterior vents of the roof. The inside of the home was charged with smoke. A quick search was done to ensure all individuals were out of the home and safe. Flames were located in the area above the ceiling space and below the roof. Fire involvement in the roof area was so heavy that two additional units were dispatched. Ten units and thirty firefighters fought this fire from all angles and prevented it from destroying the entire home. The structural supporting members of the roof were completely destroyed and the inside of the home had smoke and water damage. No injuries occurred.

Red Cross was not needed. A woman and her grandson are displaced and will be staying with family or friends until repairs can be completed

Damage is estimated at \$125,000 – The entire roof was destroyed

Cause – Accidental – Wood-burning stove in the corner of the living room heated rafters and a fire started.

Safety message: Heating appliances should be inspected annually, by a certified technician, to ensure they are operating properly and are safe to use. This wood-burning has been in this home for many years and has been used by the family with no problems. If you haven't had your furnace, fireplace, water heater or wood-burning stove inspected this year, now might be a great time to do so. Also, don't forget to have a working smoke detector and an escape plan with two ways out of every room. Make sure that visitors know the location of all exits and how to open security windows and doors.